

# Columbus Avenue Church of Christ

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## Proper Worship Conduct– Start Early (part 2)

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### ASSEMBLIES OF THE CHURCH

Sunday Morning  
Bible Study:  
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening  
Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening  
Bible Study:  
7:00 p.m.

Bible Study at other  
times by appointment

Office Hours:  
M-F, 9a-2p

### **People Matter**

We can also enlist help from surrounding people. It is sometimes tempting for other adults to play with our children or just take them when they want to. Talking to the adults about this can be very difficult at first, but it gets easier. Most people do not mean any harm by what they are doing and will apologize sincerely if you take the time to explain.

When the situation occurs, I tell the other person that I am glad that they enjoy my daughter so much. I let them know that I understand how tempting it is to play with her during the service but that we have come to worship. Playing with those around her is hindering an opportunity to teach her how to do that.

Remember that the idea is to get others to understand and not to embarrass them. So I suggest praying about your words before you approach someone, and then be gentle as possible.

### **Preparation for Worship**

We also need to talk to our children about God during the week as Deuteronomy 6:6-7 suggests. If until now you have allowed your children to pass the time in worship with food and toys, explain to your children that you think this was wrong and you are all going to improve your conduct in worship. Children who are treated like grown-ups are apt to act more grown-up. Provide your child with a real Bible, a notebook (for note taking, not note passing), and a few pens.

If your children are young, pick out their Bibles and materials with their tastes in mind. If they are older, they will probably want to pick out their own items. We want our children to be excited about worshipping God, and the small amount of money spent on supplies they love will be well worth the cost. Also, I have found that it is helpful to read short passages to my daughter from her own Bible throughout the week instead of solely relying on Children's Bibles. In this way, it becomes a personal everyday book that I hope she will turn to repeatedly on her own as she matures (II Timothy 3:14-15).

One other thing: it is important to make sure children get plenty of sleep on Saturday night. For some, a Sunday afternoon nap may be necessary. This may mean limiting weekend outings to Friday night or Saturday afternoon, but it may make the difference between a well-behaved child and a squirmy, cranky child during worship.



## Welcome

**Greetings friends! We have come to worship the Lord of all. Let us be joyous as we eagerly “maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3). May God’s loving presence fill us with love and kindness toward one another.**

Please take the time to fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering tray at the appropriate time and please remember to silence all pagers and cell phones during worship.

There is an attended nursery for ages 2 and under available each Sunday morning. Lois Gaw will be available to care for your children this morning.

Bible Hour, a worship service designed for children ages 3-4th grade and taught on their level, is also available. Children will be dismissed after the Lord’s Supper Observance.

**To our members:** Please take the time to fill out an Event Card and place it in the offering tray. We would like a record of how often we, as a congregation, have reached out to our brethren each week. Thank you.

*-The Elders*

## **Sunday Morning Worship Schedule**

**Greeting the Assembly:** Ryan Cox

**Song Service led by:** Jim Morris

**103–** *He Has Made Me Glad*

**97–** *I Sing Praises*

**140–** *Love Divine*

**Prayer:** Gary Meeker

**83–** *God Is So Good*

### **Contribution**

**359–** *I Love The Lord*

### **The Lord’s Supper**

1st Prayer– Gary Johnson

2nd Prayer—Charles Buckner

**875–** *Home of the Soul*  
(Children dismissed to classes)

**881–** *Mansion Over The Hilltop*

**Scripture Reading:** Proverbs 15:16-17  
Mark Gooding

**Congregation:** Psalms 118:24  
*“This is the day that the Lord has made;  
I will rejoice and be glad in it!”*

**Lesson:** Gary Meeker

**931–** *Wake Up, O Sleeper*

**Announcements:** Norman Alexander

**877–** *Won’t It Be Wonderful*

**Prayer:** Jim Morris

## The Watering Hole

**Gospel Minutes**  
Dressed to Kill



## **Sunday Morning Sermon:**      Wisdom Regarding Family

Text: Proverbs 15:16-17

16) Better a little with the fear of the LORD than great wealth with turmoil. 17) Better a meal of vegetables where there is love than a fattened calf with hatred.

### I. Providing For a Family

A. What many think is important

B. Where the emphasis should be

C. To ensure material provisions

### II. Raising Children

A. The proper use of corporeal punishment

B. “Train up a child”

## **Sunday Evening Sermon: IS HEAVEN STILL A PRIORITY?**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

1. Why does it seem increasingly harder to reach people, both young and old, with the gospel.
2. It seems the world is becoming

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **I. IDENTIFYING THE PROBLEM:**

- A. Hungering and thirsting for righteousness.
- B. What are the priorities for most people?

#### **II. CONSTANT DISTRACTIONS:**

- A. A society obsessed with sex and the marketing of it.
- B. Rampant depression and loneliness amongst the population.
- C. Glorification of substance abuse.

#### **III. HOW CAN WE MAKE HEAVEN A PRIORITY?**

- A. This question is much easier to ask than it is to answer.
- B. We cannot recognize a need to be saved unless we can come to a realization that we are lost.
- C. There are so many distractions out there, so many ways to pick yourself up, when you're down.
- D. We need to teach people to turn to God rather than more distractions.

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. The Bible directs us to the true source of comfort and consolation.
2. God knows what is in man and what man needs.



**Prayers are requested for:**

**Laverne Toombs** is back at Community Northview Care Center.

**Rosemary Beals** is experiencing some heart problems.

**Tiena Smith** is recovering from shoulder surgery.

**Sara Hollingsworth** will be having varicose vein surgery on her left leg on Sept. 22.

**Rejoice!** **Ashley Alexander** and **Kari Alexander** were baptized last Sunday evening! We welcome both to our church family! **Sean Alexander** also expressed his desire to place membership with Columbus Ave. Please add the following information to your directories:

Ashley Alexander  
212 Columbia Ave.  
Middletown, IN 47356  
354-9032

Sean & Kari Alexander  
10990 S. Co. Rd. 800 W.  
Daleville, IN 47334  
465-0127 (Kari's cell)

**FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WITH ON-GOING HEALTH CONCERNS:**

Bill Beck, Ron Johnson, Jerry Johnston, Dennis Keener, Don & Debbie Archer, Debbie Bair, Wayne & Wilda Bryan, Della Stalcup, Harriet Hobbs, Jean & Jerry Weir, Jean Kendall, Luther Hodges, Lois Montgomery, Mattye Gum

**OUR HOMEBOUND:**

Mattye Gum, Laura Oliver, Thelma Smith, Phyllis Fraser, Nina McIntyre, Garnet McKinney, Becky Adkins, Edna Bookout

**OUR NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:**

**Community Northview:** Margie Tompkins, Robbie Dickerson, Laverne Toombs

**Manor Care:** Selbert & Jewell Braden, Charlie Callendar

**Rawlins House, Pendleton:** Betty Wunder

**Community Parkview, Elwood:** Albert Burton

**Summitville Convalescent Center:** Lola Conner

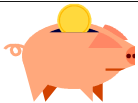
**Meadowbrook Rehab Center:** LaTheda Hathcoat

**Bethany Point Health Campus:** Jean Kendall

**Miller's Merry Manor, Middletown:** Gladys Boles, Bob & Betty Hathcoat

**Miller's Merry Manor, Chesterfield:** Mary Janes, Gladys Sanders, Wendell Parson, Bessie Coppock

**OUR MISSION WORKERS:** Jody Apple (PA), Vito & Antonietta Ligorio (Italy), Ned Isonguyo (Nigeria)



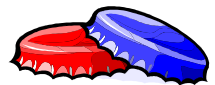
*Change for Children*

*Medicine Bottles for Africa*



Today is the last day to make monetary donations towards our \$500 goal for the Shults-Lewis Children's Home. We have currently collected just under \$200.

*Bottle Caps for Dialysis*



### Happy Birthday to:

Teresa Johnson.....TODAY!  
Lorna Gooding.....TODAY!  
Louise Brock.....80th!.....Sept. 14  
Carolyn Wiles.....Sept. 15  
Gladys Boles.....Sept. 18  
Ryan Cox.....Sept. 18

### Happy Anniversary to:

Bob & Janet Moorman.....Sept. 19



### DATES TO REMEMBER...

**Today-Sept. 16** Tipton Church of Christ  
Gospel Meeting

**Sept. 15** Ladies Lunch, 11:30 am

**Sept. 18-19** Ladies Retreat

**Sept. 20** Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in

**Sept. 20-23** Lebanon Church of Christ  
Marriage & Parenting Seminar

**Sept. 26** Grades 3-6 monthly get-together

**Sept. 26** Grades 7-12 monthly get-together

**Sept. 27** Congregational Singing, 2 pm



### Gospel Meeting

The Tipton Church of Christ will be hosting a Gospel Meeting today thru Wednesday with guest speaker Phil Dunn. Meeting times are posted on the Devo's and Such bulletin board.

### Ladies Lunch

This Tuesday, September 15,  
at 11:30 am at Ponderosa.

Please sign up on the Things To Do bulletin board TODAY to attend.



### Ladies Retreat

We are excited about our retreat this Friday & Saturday with guest speaker Sheila Butt! We encourage all women to attend.



### Birthday/ Anniversary Pitch-in

Join us as we celebrate those in our church family who have a birthday &/or anniversary in September immediately after the evening service next Sunday, Sept. 20.  
Theme: Italian



### Marriage and Parenting Seminar

The Lebanon Church of Christ is hosting a Seminar with speaker Jim Russell, LCPC, September 20-23. More information is posted on the Devo's and Such bulletin board.



## Youth News

Ryan would like all the families with children to fill out a Youth Contact Form and return it to him. These forms are available on the table in the Family Room.

**GRADES 3-6** will meet here at the church building on Saturday, September 26 at 7 pm for a Family Movie Night. Snacks will be provided. Admission fee to the movie is one non-perishable pantry item per family member.



**GRADES 7-12** will meet at the Wade's (2344 S. 450 E., Anderson) at 6 pm on Saturday, September 19th for a bonfire and cook-out.

SIGN UP ON THE YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS.

We are in need of families to host the 7-12 graders in December and for the 3-6 graders for October, November, December. Please sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board to help.

## Congregational Singing

Area churches of Christ will gather together here on Sunday, September 27, 2-4 pm for a period of worship in song. We encourage everyone to attend. Any song leaders who are willing to lead-be here!



★ COMING SOON!!! ★

**October 11-14**  
Columbus Avenue's  
Fall Gospel Meeting  
with Guest Speaker  
Dave Cordry

*Reserve these special dates on your calendar and plan to attend.*

### *Jesus Accepts Us*

*Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. - Romans 15:7*

The jury is still out on how many hugs we need in order to be healthy— studies suggest from four to twelve per day. Whatever the number, all of us need a simple embrace every now and then, an expression of acceptance and love.

In Jesus, God our Father runs towards us, the prodigal, and embraces us. It's not that we are sinless. It's that He is merciful. And by His mercy, we are able to live our lives in an embrace with God.

**TODAY'S SERVANTS**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Dianne Parson  
**MIDDLE:** Dave Parson  
**NORTH:** Nancy Rush

**ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER:** Jim Harrison

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Lois Gaw

**EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS**

**SONG LEADER:** Jim Harrison

**OPENING PRAYER:** Kevin Wash

**LESSON:** Ryan Cox

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Bill Beals

**SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY-- SEPTEMBER 20, 2009**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Chris Hollingsworth  
**MIDDLE:** John Hollingsworth  
**NORTH:** Antonia Hollingsworth

**GREETING THE ASSEMBLY:** Joe Wolf

**SONG LEADERS:**

**A.M.** Jim Morris                      **P.M.** Ryan Cox

**THE LORD'S TABLE:**

**1ST PRAYER:** Mark Gooding  
**2ND PRAYER:** Miles Gooding

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PRIMARY:** Nick Allison  
**ALTERNATE:** Norman Alexander

**LEADING IN PRAYER:**

**A.M. OPENING:** Jim Harrison  
**A.M. CLOSING:** Bill Etchison  
**P.M. OPENING:** Mark Gooding  
**P.M. CLOSING:** Tandy O' Bryant

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Darla Johnson

**WEDNESDAY EVENING-- SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

**SONG LEADER:** Austin Hawkins

**DEVOTIONAL:** Mark Gooding

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Ray Smith

**Goals & Achievements**

**Attendance**

	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>
Sunday Bible Class	75
Sunday A.M. Worship	163
Sunday P.M. Worship	129
Wednesday Evening	90

**Gifts & Offerings**

<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
\$3,716.78	\$3,039.45	- \$677.33

**SEPTEMBER ASSIGNMENTS**

**ASSISTING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:**

Joe Wolf	Richard Shelton	Jim Hodges
Bob Fraser	Austin Hawkins	Donovan Archer

**BAPTISMAL CLOTHING:** L & M Hollingsworth

**COMMUNION:** L & M Hollingsworth

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Norman Alexander

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS:**

**Ages 3-5:** Gary & Darla Johnson

**Grades K-4:** Richard Shelton

**SHEPHERDS OF THE FLOCK**

Norman Alexander	378-6420
Robert Allison, Sr.	534-3569
Barry King	778-4624
Gary Meeker	778-2868

**PREACHING MINISTER**

Gary Meeker	778-2868
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**YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTER**

Ryan Cox	643-5152
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**SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH**

EDUCATION/YOUTH, Richard Shelton	378-3945
FACILITIES, Ray Smith	649-7279
FELLOWSHIP, Gary Johnson	378-7179
FINANCES/BUDGET, Dan Smith	642-4819
HEAT/AIR SYSTEMS, Jim Hodges	649-5143
INVOLVEMENT, Jim Harrison	642-8668
MISSIONS, Jay Allison	649-5607
SAFETY SYSTEMS, Charles Buckner	642-6991
SUPPORT/SPECIAL SERVICES, Mark Gooding	724-9428
WORSHIP, Jim Morris	534-4448